Use of foreign trade mark

1219. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have so far been taken by Government to restrict the use of foreign trade marks for internal use;

(b) what prevents the Government from adopting the Electronics Department regulation on use of foreign trade mark for black and white and colour TV sets;

(c) what are the difficulties being faced to ban the use of foreign trade mark; and

(d) whether Government have given permission for the use of foreign trade mark "Sweet & Low" and 'English Leather" and if not, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) While approving foreign collaboration agreements, a condition is laid down that the use of foreign brand names will not be allowed on products meant for internal sales.

Under the existing law, there is no restriction of the use of foreign trade marks, if it does not involve any direct or indirect consideration in foreign exchange. Further trade marks can be used without registration or before or after the expiry of registration without the protection afforded by the Trade and Merchandise Marks Act.

(d) Government have not approved any Registered User Agreement in respect of the trade marks. 'Sweet & Low' and 'English Leather'.

Re-employment of Retired Officers

1220. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 25 superannuated officers of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited have been appointed as consultants with effect from the day of their retirement;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any guidelines/rules for appointing the retired persons as Consultants; and

(d) whether this does not violate the policy regarding re-employment of retired officers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) Owing to a dearth of experienced staff and officers for various reasons, Bharat Petroleum Corporation has appointed as Consultants 22 officers at varying times after their retirement. They have been engaged for specific ad-hoc assignments for periods ranging from three months to one year.

(c) and (d) The Corporation has framed broad guidelines for engagements of consultants and the authority for such engagements is the Chief Executive of the Corporation.

X-ray machines

1221. DR G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether in view of the fact that Jadhavpur University has fabricated an X-ray machine at a cost of Rs. 35,000/- which is capable of producing X-ray